

Appl. No. 10/624,236
Docket No.: H1535-00019
Reply to Office Action dated November 8, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Official Action, claims 1-25 stand subject to an election of species under 35 USC 121, as follows:

- i) Species I: an alleged species illustrated by Figures 1-8; and
- ii) Species II: an alleged species illustrated by Figures 9-12.

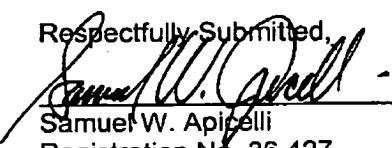
In response to the Official Action, Applicant elects the invention of the alleged species shown in Figures 1-8, i.e. Species I. At least claims 1-8, 10-21 and 23-24 read on the elected species. Claims 9, 22, and 25 have been cancelled from the application. Applicant expressly reserves the right to prosecute the non-elected subject matter in related applications.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that at least claims 1-8, 10-21 and 23-24 are in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration is therefore requested. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the above-identified application, Applicant's undersigned Attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at 717-237-5516.

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